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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Derek O'Hagan

Serial No.: 10/757,708

Filed: 01/14/04

Title: MICROPARTICLES WITH ADSORBED POLYNUCLEOTIDE-CONTAINING SPECIES

Art Unit: 1633

Examiner: Popa, Ileana

Confirm. No.: 3852

Docket No.: PP-19768.002

VIA FACSIMILE 571-273-8300

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) AND
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to grant a one (1) month extension of time, up to and including Monday, October 2, 2006, in which to respond to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2006 in the above-identified application. As September 30, 2006 was a Saturday, this response has been timely filed. The extension fee in the amount of \$120.00 may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

In response to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2006, the period for response thereto having been extended by a Petition therefore and payment of the extension fee, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

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